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Board Proclaims Day of Remembrance Throughout Los Angeles County

At its meeting Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors solemnly proclaimed February 19, a Day of Remembrance throughout Los Angeles County to mark the 70th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which forced over 120,000 Japanese Americans from their homes and businesses and incarcerated them without charge or trial under the pretext of national security.

“Seventy years ago this month, the signing of Executive Order 9066, engaged our government in a mass violation of constitutional rights of thousands of United States citizens and legal residents,” said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. “It is vital that we acknowledge and remember the struggles of Japanese-American internees to prevent this type of social injustice from repeating itself.”

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